



Remember to sign your child in and out daily-required by DHS. Thank you-



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**THE LEARNING CENTER**

Our mission is *to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

**2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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| Valentine's Parties         | February 14             |
| Spring Break-TLC closed     | <b>March 13-17</b>      |
| Summer Session Enrollment   | March 20-24             |
| School Pictures             | March 23                |
| Good Friday-TLC closed      | <b>April 14</b>         |
| Last day of spring session  | May 26                  |
| Memorial Day-TLC closed     | <b>May 29-June 2</b>    |
| First day of summer session | June 5                  |
| Fall enrollment             | June 19-23              |
| Independence Day-TLC closed | <b>July 4</b>           |
| Last day of summer session  | July 28                 |
| TLC work week-TLC closed    | <b>July 31-August 4</b> |
| First day of fall session   | August 7                |
| Labor Day-TLC closed        | <b>September 4</b>      |

**February Birthdays**



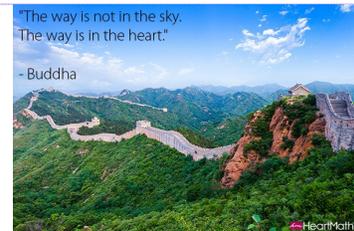
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| Gannon Guffey     | February 4  |
| Paige Huchton     | February 4  |
| Cannon Butler     | February 8  |
| Jack Thomas       | February 11 |
| Gracie Bell Smith | February 12 |
| Evelyn Strong     | February 26 |

*"Happiness is not something you postpone for the future; it is something you design for the present." -Jim Rohn*



**Weekly Specials Spring 2017**

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
.Tippi Toes Dance* 10:30	Art Lessons 10 a.m. *Children's Chapel	Children's Chapel 9:45 Munchkin Music 10:15	Amazing Athletes* 10:30 Children's Chapel 2:45	Art Lessons Amazing Athletes
*cost extra \$35 monthly	*Chapel is for 3 yrs & up	*Chapel for 3 yrs & up	*cost extra \$40 monthly	same



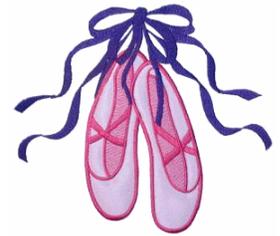


## Tippi Toes

Tippi Toes offers positive, fun dance classes for girls and boys ages 1.5 – 10 years old! Our mission: to develop a love of dancing in children by creating a positive experience that promotes healthy living habits, helps build self-confidence, and a love for others.

Fall classes at TLC will be on Mondays from 10:30-10:55 a.m. Tuition is \$35 per month. There will be a May dance program, too!

To enroll, please go to [www.tippitoesdance.com/oklahoma-city](http://www.tippitoesdance.com/oklahoma-city) and follow the instructions to enroll!



## Amazing Athletes

Amazing Athletes is an introduction into the basic fundamentals and mechanics of nine different sports and focuses on self-confidence, practicing teamwork, and improving seven key areas of motor development. Young children need guidance in building their balance, agility, strength training within a non-competitive, learning-based environment. Each class will focus on two different sports and incorporate activities proven to increase children's overall cardiovascular fitness, muscle tone, hand-eye coordination, reaction time and more! Teaching children life skills through sports is FUN! Classes are \$40 a month and lessons are each Thursday and now a class on Fridays, too. The program is for Zebras, Jaguars and Cheetahs. This program is a year round activity. Enroll today for just \$20 (enrollment fee) and get your tee-shirt for



Amazing Athletes.

## Music Classes

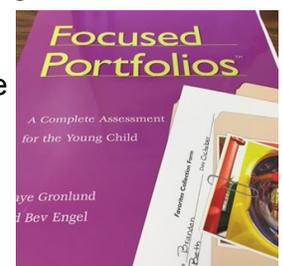


Your monthly tuition includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Andrea from Munchkin Music bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Cheetahs (4 year olds.) All of the children enjoy their music time. We have a program in May to share what the children have learned. Each month we send out songs, finger plays and key concepts that Andrea is working on with the children. Watch for this information each month in an email. Drop by to see the children in action. It is quite fun!

## Focused Portfolios

Our staff uses a process of documentation called "Focused Portfolios" to record children's growth and development. Through photographs, anecdotes and children's work samples, teachers put together a visual account of each child's accomplishments. This process recognizes and celebrates that all children develop at different rates and with various strengths. Collections are completed in fall and spring and are kept in a folder for the year, after which the portfolio becomes a keepsake for the child and family. This collection is a representation of your child as an individual with distinct interests, background, skills and desires. We will offer family conferences twice a year to share these special collections and to celebrate the accomplishments of your child. Families are invited to participate in this portfolio collection process in whichever special way you choose. Here are some suggestions:

- ⇒ Create a photo collage of your immediate or extended family
- ⇒ Write about a special family event or trip and include a photo
- ⇒ Share how your child's name was selected



## Monthly Fire Drill



Our last fire drill was conducted January 11, in the morning. The children exited the building in less than two minutes. They all go straight to the BIG outdoor playground. Teachers take attendance and talk to the children about the process so they can learn about safety.

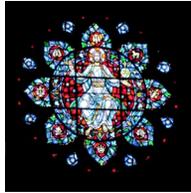
Each class practices going to our tornado shelter (downstairs) monthly as well. Make sure you practice what to do at home.

## ART CLASSES

Our art instructor, Ms. Heather, will continue her instruction with the children each week. The Monkeys and Zebras will have their lessons on Tuesdays and the Jaguars and Cheetahs will be on Fridays. We are really enjoying their creative experiences. Thank you all for your contributions to the projects!

## Children's Chapel Time

Our children are enjoying their time learning about God in our Sanctuary on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. We have a prayer, song and quick Bible story. As part of the Nichols Hills United Methodist Church's mission we are committed to leading children into faith for the transformation of the world. Tuesdays and Thursdays our chapel time is 2:45-3 p.m. and Wednesdays we have chapel 9:45-10 a.m. Families are always welcome to join us.



## Services at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church

We invite all families to our church services on Sundays. There is an 8:30 a.m. and a 10:50 a.m. service. Sunday school is typically 9:45 to 10:30. Child care is available. Our music, choir and sermons are very much the antidote for a hectic life. Please join us. For more information call the church 842-1486. See you then!

## New Jackets for Staff

In December our staff received new fleece jackets with our logo monogrammed on the front. We are so excited to have this new addition to our work wardrobe! Just in time for all of the snowy weather. . .



## Special Staff Recognition February 12

The TLC staff has been invited to attend our church on February 12, 2017, at the 10:50 a.m. service. The congregation will recognize the members of our staff and give a prayer of gratitude for the blessings we have received. We encourage all of our families to join us in this service so we may share this experience. There will be refreshments following the service. Please plan to join us.



## IRS Tax Forms Available



The Learning Center is happy to provide a tax statement for your tuition paid in 2016. It takes just a minute and will be given upon request. Let us know if you would like one.

We thank you all for your patronage.

**IMMUNIZATIONS must be kept current. Bring an updated shot record to school following vaccinations. Thank you!**

**FEBRUARY 2017**





## Recycle plastic bags



The Learning Center uses many plastic bags for soiled clothing or diapers. If you shop and have extra plastic bags we would love to take them off your hands. Bring one – bring a bunch. We appreciate them all. Thanks!

## Staff Development & Training

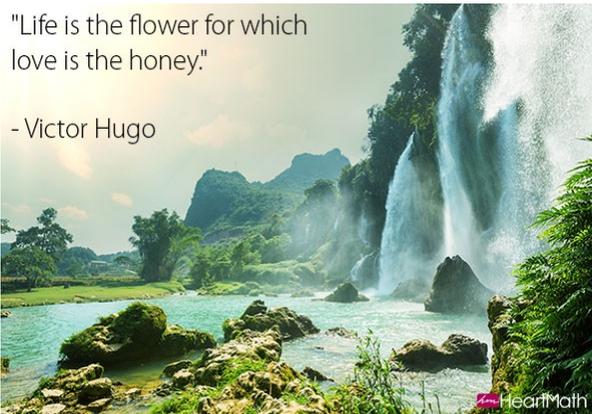


In January the whole TLC staff participated in “Safe Sleeping Environments,” a two-hour training, in order to better understand risks associated with Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. We

are obligated to obtain a minimum of twenty hours of training annually by DHS. We encourage our staff to earn thirty hours or more. The more knowledge gained the better the outcomes for young children. That translates to a happy and healthy program. Just for your information. .

"Life is the flower for which love is the honey."

-Victor Hugo



## Happy Work Anniversary Ms. Michell

On February 5 we will recognize the first-year anniversary of Michell Williams. She has worked in the Pandas' classroom since she began or just shortly thereafter. She brings such a cheerfulness to her classroom. She and Miss Shelley work quite nicely together, too. (as the toddlers told me.) We are grateful for the many contributions that she has brought to TLC. Please join us in celebrating her one-year work anniversary. Yeah Michell!

FEBRUARY 2017



## DID YOU KNOW. . .

Nichols Hills United Methodist Church is collecting items to be donated to John Marshall Neighborhood Market. We have worked to develop a relationship over the past few years. Recently we became aware of another support opportunity that will impact the students in a very meaningful way. With reduced administrative staffing from budget cuts, our church missions group was asked to take on the responsibility of the school food pantry. There is a huge need as evidenced by over 75% of the students qualifying for free or reduced lunches.

### On-going Needs for the Neighborhood Market:

- **Women's Deodorant\***
- **Toothpaste\***
- **Small Laundry Detergents** (10 oz size is best for them to carry home)\*
- **Snacks** (bars, crackers, etc.) Anything that you can find a good deal on.
- **Travel Toiletries** (the students love the shampoo, conditioners, and shower gels)

\*You can usually find these at the Dollar Tree or other dollar stores. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

## Lunch/Snack Suggestions

These are meant to be suggestions only. Please do not bring anything **homemade (for snacks) or made with peanuts.**

Apple slices	Fruit cups	String Cheese
Almond butter	Teddy Grahams	Rice Cakes
Applesauce pouches	Granola Bars	Vanilla Wafers
Bananas	Muffins	String Cheese
Cantaloupe chunks	Oranges	Pretzels
Cheerios	Pineapple	Cubed cheese
Crackers	Hummus	Ranch & veggies
Deli Meat	Raisins	Animal crackers



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		1 Applesauce & Cheese cubes	2 Saltines & Pickles	3 Chex Mix & Pear Cups
6 American Cheese & Wheat Thins	7 Granola bars & Pudding cups	8 Go Gurts & Graham Crackers	9 Carrots & Ranch Dip	10 Goldfish crackers & Pickles
13 Apples & Cheese stix	14 Valentine Parties 3 p.m.	15 Veggie Straws & Juice	16 Pretzels & Hummus	17 Ham Roll-ups
20 Tortillas & Cream cheese	21 Goldfish & Fruit cups	22 Animal Crackers & Yogurt dip	23 Black Olives & Ritz Crackers	24 Fruit snacks & Nilla Wafers
27 Cereal bars & apple juice	28 Wheat Thins & Pickles			

## Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)



Our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet **February 8** in the Parlor at 1:45 p.m. This group typically meets the second Wednesday of each month. Any family members who wish to participate are welcome to join us. The PAC will serve as feedback for the management team, help to distribute information, assist with special celebrations and so on. We would welcome your input as to how to involve families in our program or any other suggestions. So far the communication has improved with your help. Your involvement is always appreciated! The following people who represent the classrooms are:

Cubs— Marina Williams  
 Pandas—Mary Fitch  
 Monkeys—Jillian Murphy  
 Zebras— Kacey Trotter  
 Jaguars—Jennifer Akin  
 Cheetahs—Sarah Lausen  
 Paige Woolbright (Chair)

## INCLEMENT WEATHER PLAN

Please watch for OKC school closings when we have ice or snow. [Nichols Hills United Methodist Church](#) will come up as closed when this plan is in effect. Watch the main news channels 4, 5, or 9 to see the list of closings. We will text and email you all *to the best of our ability*. The phone line should have a message declaring a snow day as well. When in doubt you may always text your teacher, home room rep or Denise, or check the front page of our website. We hope to eliminate any confusion or inconvenience when the inclement weather arrives. It looks like it is going to be an active winter weather-wise. Let us know if you have any questions.

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## THE LEARNING CENTER

Tuition Schedule effective **August 8, 2016**

### Monthly Tuition

(Two day minimum, all ages)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
\$117	\$150	\$117	\$150	\$117

Examples: Monday, Wednesday, Friday = \$351  
 Tuesday, Thursday = \$300  
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday = \$651  
 Any combination of days based on availability.

#### Other Fees:

- Enrollment Fee (per session) \$75 - 1<sup>st</sup> child; \$15 - less each additional child
- Supply Fee Included in enrollment fee.
- Drop In Rate \$35 per day Monday / Wednesday / Friday  
\$45 per day Tuesday /Thursday (upon availability)
- Late Pick Up \$1 per minute, per child.
- Returned Check Fee \$25

